



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 186(02)

An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
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Minor cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil suits.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing facilities that test medical marijuana samples to operate in the absence of rules, clarifying that qualified and non qualified persons may manufacture marijuana concentrate by a process of extraction not involving inherently hazardous substances and establishing a process for persons to become authorized to produce marijuana concentrate by a process involving inherently hazardous substances may increase marijuana products sales. No estimate of the potential increase in General Fund and Local Government Fund revenues as a result of increased sales tax collections is made at this time.

Additionally, there is a potential increase in registration fees to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for facilities that register to produce marijuana concentrate by a process involving inherently hazardous substances. Currently manufacturing facilities are not required to register or notify the DHHS of their operations, so no estimates of the increase in registration fees or the increased costs to the DHHS for registration and auditing program compliance are made at this time.

The bill also creates new registration tiers for manufacturing facilities, which could also increase the overall registration fees to DHHS. As the decision to change the tier of registration lies with each provider, no estimate of the increase in registration fees are made at this time.